

CURRENT PSYCHIATRIC THERAPIES—Vol. V—1965, with Cumulative Index to Vols. I-V—An Annual Publication, edited by Jules H. Masserman, M.D., Professor and Co-chairman of Psychiatry, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. Grune & Stratton, Inc., New York, 1965. 306 pages, \$10.75.

This volume is the first of a series that, every five years, will review progress in psychiatric therapy. An introductory review of the present and future of psychiatry by Dr. Howard Rome, is followed by nine sections—four papers on "History and Rationale"; four on "Childhood and Adolescence"; eleven on "Individual Psychotherapy"; three on "Group Therapy"; three on "The Family"; three on "Community Psychiatry"; four on "Institutional Psychiatry"; four on "Rehabilitation"; and two on "Transcultural Psychiatry."

It is inevitable that the papers in a compendium of this sort will vary in quality but the reader is likely to find something that will be of interest to his particular taste and the book does fulfill a useful purpose as a "once over lightly" on a wide variety of current subjects. There is one curious, striking omission—neuropsychopharmacology. The only paper on drug therapy as such is in the section on Individual Psychotherapy—"Techniques of starting the psychotherapy patient on psychiatric drugs" by Bernard Wilkens and Sidney Malitz.

He who wishes to read about advances in drug therapy of psychiatric disorders should read elsewhere. Otherwise recommended as an integrated series of short, review papers.

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PRACTITIONER'S ILLUSTRATED DERMATOLOGY—Howard T. Behrman, M.D., Professor of Clinical Dermatology and Director of Dermatologic Research, New York Medical College; with the collaboration of Theodore A. Labow, M.D., Assistant in Dermatology, Vanderbilt Clinic, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Grune & Stratton, Inc., New York, 1965. 189 pages, \$9.75.

It is a pleasure to review a new book in which the goals and objectives which the authors set for themselves were achieved. In the preface of the Practitioner's Illustrated Dermatology, the authors Behrman and Labow state "It is to be emphasized that this primer is for the student and the physician with limited access to a consultant and not for the dermatologist. The text has been limited to those skin diseases most commonly seen in practice and some of the omissions have been arbitrary." They have accomplished this goal in what I consider to be a superior manner. Terminology has been greatly simplified, and on the opposite pages to each disease or group of diseases there are color photographs illustrating typical examples. There are well over 200 color photographs in this volume and no black and white illustrations at all. The photographs have been well selected, illustrating usual manifestations rather than rare examples.

On the page opposite the photographs the diseases themselves are well presented in a simplified manner, with a brief summary of what the disease is, what it is caused by, clinical features and treatment. Almost all of

the considerable detail required by the specialist and often so confusing to the generalist has been completely omitted. Treatment has been handled in the same fashion.

In the last 30 pages of the book there is presented a formulary which includes a discussion of external applications and internal medications. Here again simplified terminology and presentation has been utilized to great advantage.

It is my opinion that for the medical student, house staff and general physician this volume will prove extremely valuable. The student or house staff may use it primarily to gain an overall broad knowledge of the field of dermatology and the general physician will, I believe, find it a great help in his daily practice.

This book will not serve the intern or resident who desires depth in his study nor will it serve the dermatologist. However, the authors carefully point out that the volume was not intended for these groups.

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FUNDAMENTALS OF ORTHOPAEDICS—John J. Gartland, A.B., M.D., Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Jefferson Medical College. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London, 1965. 338 pages, \$8.00.

This book, specializing in brevity, portrays the dimensions and the fundamental concepts of the broad specialty of orthopedic surgery. It must be emphasized that this book has been written to introduce the reader to the various facets of the specialty, and it must not be anticipated that it will give details of treatment or other information that would be needed by the physician undertaking the treatment of a major musculo-skeletal entity. The book will prove useful to the medical students, general physicians and those in para-medical disciplines who desire to know more of the scope and diagnostic and therapeutic methods employed by orthopedists.

While there is little on the subject of skeletal system trauma, there is broader coverage of subjects such as low back pain, the arthritides and foot problems. Several entities are presented in a correlative manner, correlating the pathologic anatomy, roentgenographic features and clinical findings. In the second half of the book, the material presented relates to anatomical regions: the upper and lower extremities, and the various segments of the spine. A final chapter, termed "Orthopaedic Horizons," outlines some of the unsolved problems in orthopedics, particularly in the realms of surgery, diagnosis, and etiology. A glossary at the end of the book further indicates that this is an introductory treatise.

Physical features of the book are excellent, and the author's 158 illustrations have been exceedingly well reproduced.

This book is worthy of a place in the library of those great physicians, para-medical workers and medical students who desire to learn more about the fundamentals of orthopedics.

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